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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated October 2, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§112 and 103. The applicant respectfully traverses in view of the following amendments and remarks.